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1. a. Five flatcars, each carrying a railroad anti-aircraft gun of 50 to 100 mm caliber with about 13-foot barrel, were observed at the railroad station of DUMBERITZ (N 53/4 65). Five 75-mm antitank guns and eight heavy guns of about 120 to 150 mm caliber with about 20-foot barrel and on four-wheel mounts had already been detrained and were parked in the station area. The mentioned guns, all without breechblocks, and other guns had arrived from the direction of RATHENOW (N 53/4 15) on 21 and 22 July 1949, railroad officials stated. The guns were guarded by artillerymen.

b. Units totaling about 500 troops were observed marching on Heerstrasse in the direction of ELSTAL (N 53/4 65) on the same day. Part of the troops wore the crossed gun barrel insignia.

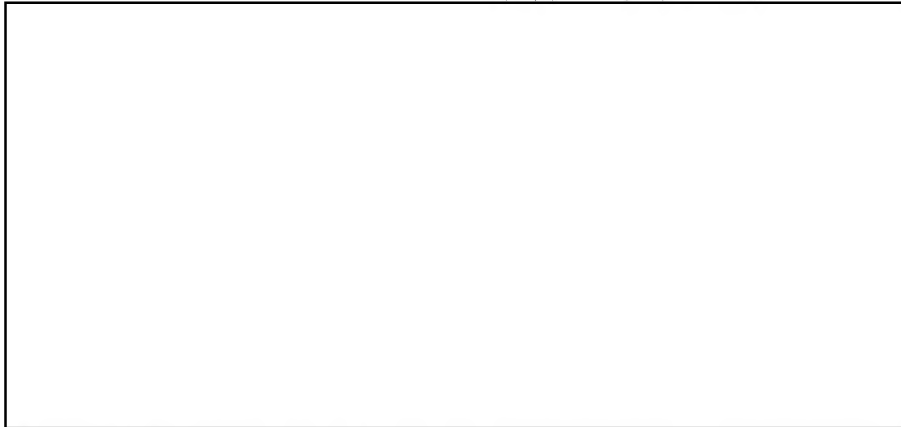
c. Numerous units were observed in firing and drill practices in the training area south of Heerstrasse.

d. Large piles of ammunition boxes (48x24x5 inches) were observed in the yard of a kaserne. Artillerymen were seen handling these boxes.

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a. Six flatcars with former German railroad anti-aircraft guns of 225 mm caliber were observed at the DOBERNITZ freight station.

b. The following weapons were parked in front of the railroad station:

Thirty to forty former German guns, including
Six rocket launchers ("Rebelwerfer")
Several 75-mm anti-tank guns
Several 105-mm field guns
Several 150-mm field guns with large gun shield
Two long-barreled guns of 100 to 120 mm caliber with about
20-foot barrel (barrels were resting on separate four-wheel
carriages)
Some 88-mm anti-aircraft guns.
Two former German tanks with 88-mm guns with flash hider.

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Comment:

According to previous information component units of the 1st Army are left DOBERNITZ for summer maneuvers after mid-June 1949, possibly going to the WITTSTOCK-ZECHLIN training area. The report shows that some units (recruits?) remained in the military post.

The former German heavy weapons observed at the DOBERNITZ railroad station on 24 July 1949 were possibly used to equip the Soviet Zone German police units located in the kasernes north of POTSDAM. Police units equipped with weapons of the former German Armed Forces have been repeatedly observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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